





## Today's Advertisements.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**  
**PROBATE JURISDICTION.**  
 IN THE GOODS OF GERALD SLADE LATE OF NO. 15, ALBANY PICCADILLY LONDON AND OF VICTORIA IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG MERCHANT DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour the Chief Justice has, in virtue of Section 18 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1877 made an order limiting to the 1st day of February 1898 as the time for Creditors to send in their Claims against the Estate of GERALD SLADE late of No. 15, ALBANY PICCADILLY LONDON and of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Merchant deceased who died on the 4th day of November, 1897, at Victoria aforesaid and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its PROBATE JURISDICTION on the 14th day of November 1897 to HENRY WARRE SLADE of Victoria aforesaid Mercantile Assistant one of the Executors named in the Will of the said GERALD SLADE.

Notice is also given that all such Claims are to be sent in, in writing, to the Underigned prior to the said 1st day of February 1898 or no notice will be taken of them.

All persons indebted to the above estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Underigned.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1897.  
 JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.  
*Solicitors for the said*  
*Estate.*

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## GOVERNMENT BILLS.

**TENDERS FOR SPECIE MEXICAN DOLLARS**, current in this Colony, and weighing 7.7, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M. on MONDAY, the 29th inst.

The Tenders to state the total amount required (in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than £100.  
 The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in sealed covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS."  
 The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

X. H. GORGES, Colonel,  
 Chief Paymaster, China.  
 Her Majesty's Treasury Office,  
 Queen's Road,  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1769]

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
 FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
 THE Company's Steamship

"SARPEDON,"  
 Captain Grier, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at Noon.  
 For Freight, apply to  
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1721]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
 FOR SWATOW.  
 THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"  
 Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at Noon.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
 General Managers.  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1771]

**"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
 FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.  
 THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE,"  
 Captain Morgan, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at 5 P.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1745]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
 FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.  
 THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"  
 Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at Daylight.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
 General Managers.  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1770]

**NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.**  
 (FLORIO & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES).

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.**  
 Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

ALSO  
 VENICE AND TRIESTE, ALL MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF AND BAGDAD.

ALSO  
 BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

**"BORMIDA,"**  
 Captain Kern, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st December, at Noon.  
 At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.  
 For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage apply to  
 CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1757]

## Today's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

**"LIGHTNING,"**  
 Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th December, at 5 P.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1772]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
 THE Steamship

"FERNFIELD,"  
 Captain W. McFae, will be despatched as above on or about 5th December.

To be followed by the  
 S.S. "YARROWDALE" on or about 15th Dec.  
 S.S. "HANSEAT" on or about 20th Jan., 1898.  
 S.S. "LYDERHORN" on or about 25th Jan., 1898.  
 S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.  
 For Freight, apply to  
 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 27th November, 1897. [1766]

## Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY,**  
 VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
 HONGKONG.

## AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATER are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSSES and other Large Consumers.  
 Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.  
 Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [156]

**TAKE NOTE**  
 It is UNIVERSALLY ADMITTED THAT NO DICTIONARY can compare with the New Edition of

**WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.**

At the office of the *Hongkong Telegraph* you can see, and procure for SIX DOLLARS, a Copy of the *Webster's Dictionary*, the latest and most complete proof that *Labor omnia vincit*.  
 Hongkong, 17th May, 1897. [82]

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**  
 ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINE & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, brought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

**PRICE LISTS**, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

**PORT** after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

**SHERRY**—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

**CLARET**—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and curants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

**BRANDY**—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

**WHISKY**—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**  
 THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
 Hongkong, 28th October, 1897. [6]

**TO ADVERTISERS.**  
 Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this paper to the Editor, Three o'Clock, at least, to enable the Editor to make the necessary arrangements for the publication of the notices.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**  
 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1897.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It seems as if the Post Office assumes a defiant attitude when we attempt a little good advice. Only last night we said what we thought of the Post Office and the minute our paper was out, up came a bundle of mail matter from the Post Office, some of it belonging to us and some to the Norwegian consulate. We do our level best to be as versatile as a newspaper should be; we have a very miscellaneous assortment on the staff and we try to be a little bit of everything, but we are no Norwegian consulate. Like the gentleman in "Pinafore,"

"We might have been a Roebuck, Or French, or Turk, or Prussian Or perhaps a Chinaman."

Not even W. S. Gilbert, who is ever so cynical, has to accuse a thorough-going Englishman of being a Norwegian consul.

To-day a correspondent sends us the following note:—

Truly the ways of the Post Office are past understanding! This morning we received a letter from Singapore bearing the Singapore date stamp of 16th November. Eleven days seems to us to be rather a long passage!

While writing the above we received a heavy parcel of mail matter bearing many different addresses, with the following covering letter:—"From your article in last night's paper I gather the Postmaster General has selected your office as a distributing centre for mail matter, so here with send you a number of papers and circulars which you will plainly see are addressed quite distinctly as follows:—

DAKIN CRICKSHANK & Co.  
 A. S. WATSON & Co.  
 MESSRS. WATTS & Co.  
 JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SONS  
 Yours Sincerely,  
 G. A. W.

We have received also a letter from our correspondent "Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum." He complains about what we said on the subject of Customs salaries and the fall in the dollar, and he complains also about the tone of the letter from "A Married Man" in reply to him. That a man who feels aggrieved should complain is all right and very good, but he should not complain in this tone, and while we are only too glad to give everybody a fair hearing, we refuse to give publicity to a letter like this. We have nothing to add to our former remarks on this side of the question; we do agree with the sufferers and we do think that it is hard on everybody who lives in this dollar-using country to have too little pay, and we do condemn the practice of snobbery in every shape and especially in the shape complained of originally.

Possibly we were wrong in saying marriage is a luxury and not a necessity. Our correspondent insists that it is a necessity and we won't quarrel with him over it. However, we must point out that the word "necessity" means something that cannot be dispensed with, whereas there are very many people who have had to do without getting married, and they still live. And there are other people who ought to do without getting married. It is very wicked for us to preach such a doctrine, no doubt, but we do strongly think that there are many people who ought not to have married. We will go further and be even wickeder. There are many people who ought never to have been born.

It has been our privilege to make the acquaintance of a Hongkong frog, who is credited with being an infallible weather prophet, and whose value, in consequence thereof, is by no means commensurate either with his bodily dimensions or the beauty of his appearance, which, in this particular case, is saying a great deal. The reptile in question belongs to one of the finest species of tree-frogs, is about five inches in length and of a brilliant emerald green colour with silvery white markings about the head, while the golden lustre of its eyes shows them up like drops of gold set in jade or malachite. Froggy has been hawked about the town for the last week by an enterprising Celestial who was fortunate enough to capture him in that mystic region generally designated "Canton-more-far," but as yet the fortunate owner has been unable to realise the price of several hundred dollars which he is asking for his pet. As soon as we were made aware of the wonderful powers of the oracle we respectfully enquired as to the probable state of the weather for St. Andrew's Ball, intending to set the minds of our readers at rest once and for all upon the subject. The learned one, however, maintained a dignified silence, and simply replied to our question by a haughty stare, the significance of which we were incapable of interpreting. Perhaps it meant "dull" or "not fair" or "calms," or perhaps, it meant that there wouldn't be any weather at all next Tuesday. Caution, non-committal weather-prophet! For our own part, we cannot afford frog whose price runs into three figures, but perhaps the Volunteers might like to purchase the creature as a useful addition to the Committee of their promenade concert. There are regimental goats and other wild beasts in the British army; the frog for the H.K.V.C. would be original and appropriate.

## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN WEST AFRICA.

LONDON, November 25th.  
 Reuter's Agency at Lagos wires that a French expedition has arrived at Nihit and that the Governor of Dahomey has started for the hinterland with a considerable force.

**THE GERMAN NAVAL RE-INFORCEMENTS.**  
 It is confirmed that Prince Henry of Prussia will command the cruiser squadron which will probably sail for China on the 10th December.

**FREE FIGHTS IN THE AUSTRIAN REICHSRATH.**  
 Indecent scenes of violence have occurred in the Austrian Reichsrath, including a quarter of an hour's hand-to-hand fighting.

**REVOLT OF THE ALBANIANS.**  
 The Albanians have revolted and severe fighting with the Turks has taken place, with heavy losses on both sides.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**THE BUYING RATE FOR SOVEREIGNS** is \$10.13 per £.  
 We are informed that eight Chinese dailies have been declared infested in Wanchai.

Two cases of small-pox have been discovered during the last two days, one was a Portuguese child in St. Francis Street and the other a young Chinese girl in Queen's Road.

We would remind our readers of the open-air site in the grounds of the Government House this evening in aid of the winter relief amongst the poor in the East End of London.

**THE BAND OF THE WEST YORKS REGIMENT** will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening:—

Overture, "Pine Schmitt" Weber  
 "The Merry Widow" Strauss  
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 "The Merry Widow" Strauss

The open-air charity fete in Government House grounds began this afternoon and proved highly successful. There was a large attendance and the many shows and pastimes were all well patronised; the shows are decidedly good and are well worth seeing. There was plenty of good music also. The fete will continue tonight when the grounds will be prettily illuminated.

**THE KOKUMI** reports that the number of companies throughout the Japanese empire at the end of October totalled 3,114, the aggregate capital amounting to 311,263,192 ym. These figures show an increase of 40 companies and 5,486,010 ym in capital over those for the classified month. The companies may be classified as follows:—Commercial 1,077, capital 124,618, 125 ym; Industrial, 977, capital 168,232 ym; agricultural, 60, capital, 2,341,070 ym; total number of companies, 2,114 and amount of capital 311,263,192 ym.

A DISPATCH received by the local mandarin from Pingwu, near Shanghai, reports that three post-boats, carrying Hangchow and intermediate ports' mails and parcel post, were stopped somewhere near Pingwu on the 16th instant by pirates and robbed of everything on board. The post-boats in question belong to the Chien Sheng, aieh Yuen and Shun Ching postal hongs of Shanghai. Several of the post-boats were wounded in the affair, the money and valuables taken by the pirates being estimated at several thousand dollars worth.

**CAPTAIN T. M. O'SULLIVAN**, the well-known pilot of Sialow, led to the altar of St. Joseph's Church to-day Miss Emma Mithilda Smith, niece of Mr. A. Hahn, the popular and indefatigable Secretary of the Klob Eintracht. There was a large gathering at the Church to witness the marriage ceremony and at the reception in Mr. Hahn's residence in Duddell Street the number of friends and relatives that did themselves the pleasure to call and wish the happy couple a long and blissful wedded life was so great that a breakfast room was completely overwhelmed. Captain and Mrs. O'Sullivan left, carrying with them the good wishes of a host of friends. We cordially wish the genial pilot and his charming bride a bright, prosperous, and happy life.

The Biblical story of the Fall has often been quoted to the discredit of Eve's sex. But there is a great deal in the story of putting things. The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse has just been expounding the incident in a fashion which shows that he possesses a remarkable talent for ingenious comment. The devil, he says, did not give the apple to the man, but to the woman, because he knew that the man would have eaten it himself, but that the woman would go halves. Messrs. Woodcock & Co's *Freight Market Report* dated Shanghai 19th instant says:—Since writing on the 14th instant the only change in rates was a slight advance in the rate for advanced to 27/6, and we look to remain at that figure unless the London rate is greatly reduced which, from rumours afloat, is highly probable; this latter move would be a very gratifying as at the present moment any reduction cannot possibly benefit ship or shippers, but the native merchant will naturally rejoice. We trust, however, before the beginning of next week to hear of a slight decrease in the rate for London. There being nothing on the berth except the mails last week, the *ss. Kinkaku* slipped over from Japan, arriving on the 17th instant, remained about thirty-six hours and took away over a thousand tons of cargo. The *ss. Manila* and the *ss. Antares* are both in view at the wharves, the former clearing on the 19th instant, and the latter on the 27th instant. For New York *ss. Suez*—The *Falshon Hall* is now fully engaged and is leaving to-day, taking away from this a very good cargo at 21/6. The *Cremory* follows about the end of next week at the enhanced rate of 27/6, and in all probability will take a large quantity of Northern produce, but yet we hear that there are large lots still to go forward before the season closes. We regret having made an error in our last issue of the sailings of the undermentioned vessels, which we now beg to rectify, as follows:—*Fernfield*, due about 29th instant. *Sikh*, due about 31st proximo. *Yarrowdale*, due about 1st proximo. *Port Adelaide* about 14th proximo. For New York *ss. Suez*—The *Dramel* leaves to-day and leaves the berth vacant with prospect of filling it for some time, shippers who prefer to send their cargo by this route will therefore have to pay Hongkong rates, viz. about 19/6. For New York *ss. Suez*—The next departure will be *Doris* 25th instant, *Empire of India* 31st instant, *Salle Maru*, 20th instant, commencing with *Kawakura Maru*, sailing from Kobe about 28th instant, *Chiku* 1st December, *Branner* 10th December.

Mr. Edith George's *Widely Share Ltd.*, dated Hongkong, Saturday, November 27th, says:—The market has continued very dull, and hardly anything has been done, owing to the stagnancy of our money market, which shows no sign of abating, and quotations are more or less nominal for a good many stocks. The rate on Shanghai has been fluctuating between 75 and 75 1/2, closing at 75 1/2 for three days' sight private paper.

**THE EWE COTTON-SPINNING COMPANY (SHANGHAI)** in its report for the period up to 31st October says:—The mill began work on 20th May with 4,000 spindles, increased now to 23,500 spindles, and averaging 14,240 spindles for 24 weeks and 3 days. The profit and loss account for that period shows a balance at credit of Tls. 41,261.64. From this must be deducted Tls. 3,557.78 to eliminate the amount standing at debit of preliminary expenses. On the other hand, the general managers have waived their commission, which would amount to Tls. 4,238.12 on the amended scale. A dividend of Tls. 31 was then absorbed Tls. 35,000 has been declared, and the balance of Tls. 2,503.86 carried forward to new account. At the close of the ordinary general meeting held on 24th instant, an extraordinary general meeting was held, at which the resolutions passed at the meeting held on 25th ultimo were unanimously confirmed.

**MESSRS. ALEX. BIRFIELD & CO.'S** Shanghai report of 19th November says:—The week has been an interesting one, if not good for trade and the most notable market event that there could not have been a worse week for imports than that just closed. Silver is so scarce and there appears to be a famine in the banks of the East. With interest ranging from 10 per cent. asked by the foreign banks on the best securities, to 25 per cent. and 35 per cent. asked by the Native bankers, it is, of course, impossible to expect that there could be any deliveries. This is the actual state, one of the largest importers being our authority for the statement that during the last three days not a package of cargo has left his godowns. Just before the closing of Newchwan there has invariably been a rush in years gone by, but this year, on the contrary, the only thing that has had to be shipped there to tide the Chinese over the close season appears to be opium, as they report that they are so well stocked from earlier in the year that they will take nothing. And this, together with the tightness of the money market, has resulted in a most dismal week for imports. Stocks are lower than they have been for a long time, but this has not had the usual effect of strengthening prices. Many of the most valuable have now given up all hope after the Chinese New Year, and there is much depression in consequence. We make the stocks as follows:—Lead about 400 tons; Horse Shoes about 1,600 to 2,000 tons; Nailroads about 2,000 tons; Bar Iron about 1,000 tons; Cobble about 500 to 600 tons.

## THE GRAND HOTEL LICENSE.

A RENEWAL UNANIMOUSLY REFUSED.

A session of Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistrate's to-day to consider the application of Hock Goon for the renewal of his license for the Grand Hotel, 245-2-4 Queen's Road Central. Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, C.M.G., presided and there were also present Dr. F. Clarke (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. Harigan, Hon. Mr. H. May (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. F. Smith, C. S. Sharp and H. W. Ashman. Mr. C. D. Wilkinson appeared for the applicant.

Mr. Woodhouse read a statement giving the police objections to the renewal. Mr. Wilkinson said he would first like to point out that this was practically an application for the renewal of a license and not for one which had never been held before. It would have been made at the last licensing meeting, but the applicant was in ill health and he made this application then. It was thought possible and probable that if he could get the license in his wife's name, he would be able to go abroad for a short time next year. That plan was abandoned as the wife had been refused and he now applied himself as he had done during the last 12 years. He held his license all that time and he (Mr. Wilkinson) believed that it was only this year there had been any complaint against him. The only complaint made this year was of his selling bad whisky and not of any other kind. 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reasons for the Minister's action, strongly opposed the scheme, and it was also disapproved by the General Staff Department of the Army, so that nothing came of it. Viscount Takashima then formed another plan, proposing that the Kodomo men should purchase the Eishima gun practice range, which he would induce the Government to sell, by which transaction a good profit would be made. The Kodomo men approached the Yakuza Bank with the object of raising the money, and Mr. Yasuda then went to General Kodama, the Vice Minister for War, and inquired if it was true that Eishima was to be sold. General Kodama, not knowing the plans of Viscount Takashima, replied that he was strongly disapproved of any proposal, if it existed, and no scheme was allowed to pass through. Viscount Takashima is now at his own device.

Such is the story as related by the *Asahi*. Though it is undoubtedly only too certain that there is much corruption in Japanese political life, we cannot say that the story related by our Osaka contemporary bears much of credibility. It is difficult, for example, to believe that, if Viscount Takashima had any such schemes in hand to enrich Government supporters, his fellow-Ministers were likely to wreck them in ignorance, by not being in his confidence. Nevertheless, it will be interesting to see what action is taken by Viscount Takashima in his own defence.

## FAMINE AT KLONDIKE.

## STARVING MINERS.

A grim tale of starving miners at Klondike has reached England from a well-informed correspondent, says a London paper. All anxiety is now concentrated on Dawson City. Four vessels have come down from St. Michael's, last night trading post in Behring Sea, and their passengers tell a tale of woe that makes people sick with fear. At this little trading post, which is just outside the Arctic circle, there are tons of provisions, but at Dawson City 30,000 will not buy four sacks of flour! Desperate efforts are being made to get some of this food up the 2,000 miles of the Yukon river, but the outlook is too terrible to contemplate. Klondike, in fact, is a famine-stricken region, and the dangers of famine imminent, those who are succumbing to the difficulties of the past are the fortunate ones. The cause of the trouble is whisky. The two companies which carry supplies up the Yukon have been importing opium and whisky, and in the case of one vessel, which ran aground, flour, bacon, sugar, beans, and canned goods were thrown overboard to save the whisky. Sickens, too, has broken out, typhoid is raging, and though the cold weather may stamp this out, it brings accompanying dangers to the miners, many of whom are only shelled by their tents.

Wages in the mines are still at the old scale. Miners working in the "holes" get \$3 a day and skilled labour in Dawson City is paid at the same rate. The common labourer receives \$4 a day, but there are already more of this class than are wanted. It is very expensive becoming a property-holder in Dawson City. Lots where the best houses were located already sell for \$25 a lot. The houses are built of wood, and each for the very best of quality. Food has gone up in price enormously. Potatoes are four shillings per pound, eggs six shillings each, bacon two shillings per pound and a ribling. But, despite the dangers, the gold fever is strong as ever, taking clergymen from their pulpits, doctors from their patients and lawyers from their briefs. One clergyman is plying on a steamer running to St. Mary's, and the lever has even spread to the restaurants and the churches. Thus in Vancouver the members of the Congressional Church have given a Klondike supper, and here is their menu advertised in a local paper.

**MENU.**  
Grilled Bear Steak Pie.  
Roast Polar Bear, with Bonnet's Crack Gravy.  
Wild Cat Steak Pudding.  
Lynx Chops. Relishes and Cakes.  
Klondike Standby, with Seal Trotters.  
Dyes Naggies.  
Slices of Chilled Mountain.

Arctic Circle Berry Pie.  
Snow-bird Dumplings.  
Dawson City Flapjacks.  
Klondike Snow, with Cold Sauce.  
**DRINKS.**  
White Horse R. P. D., hot or cold.  
Gold Dippings.

In conclusion, the correspondent dilates on the wealth of British Columbia and asks why all this excitement about Klondike, when British Columbia has gold and civilization to offer?

## OUR POSITION IN THE FAR EAST.

To him who carefully considers the ways of British government the existence of the British Empire is a matter of very simple explanation. Our colonies are not founded by the efforts of individuals; they are founded by the efforts of the Government. They are founded when they have attained sufficient importance to attract the attention of the Government and they have remained within the Empire in spite of official discouragement, neglect, and even positive hostility. Our Indian Empire was founded by a company of merchants, without which it may be safely affirmed, such an Empire would never have been founded at all. Our trade with distant countries has, in like manner, been created by individual effort, which has only been sustained by the assistance of the Government, and has frequently had to contend with official stupidity. Two letters from our Shanghai Correspondent give a succinct but vivid account of the history of British trade with China, which represents with substantial accuracy the history of British empire-building as a whole. That trade is a matter of official difficulty and enterprise on the one hand, and of official incapacity to assist and assist by these things on the other. For British intercourse with China enjoyed the advantage of organization in the form of a corporation like the East India Company, our position in the Far East would have been very different from what it is to-day. There is so other community that could have done as much in the absence of such organization, and there is no Government in the civilized world that would have done as little as our own, and the efforts of its adventurous citizens. There is a rather striking similarity in the position of the British and Chinese peoples. Both are industrious, shrewd, and enterprising. The Chinese man of China easily takes the lead in commercial undertakings among Orientals, and does the Europeans among Western races. Properly led, the two peoples, brought together by the restless exploring spirit of one of them, would by this time have constituted a vast fabric of commercial relations, respectable to both a very different character, have restrained rather than assisted the efforts of individual enterprise. Chinese Mandarins will undoubtedly oppose every innovation due to modern discovery, and until the other day our own bureaucracy were firmly convinced that the pivot of Imperial policy in the Far East was the exclusion of all sorts of Government which they regarded as a valuable bulwark against the advance of Russia.

## THE INTERPORT CRICKET WEEK.

It was only to be expected that a thoroughly up-to-date, well written and interesting production like *Sport & Gospel* would take care to appoint a suitable correspondent to report all that went on during the Cricket Week in Hongkong and we were therefore fully prepared for the story reported in his columns on Sunday last, from which we take the following notes:—

In the course of his remarks on the Straits v. Shanghai match the gifted penholder says, "As batsmen the Straits were very good in the field they were grand; and as bowlers they were excellent. I ought to speak in the singular, though, for they had really only one excellent bowler, but to make up for the deficiency in numbers he was, on the other hand, an undeniable artist at the game. He had pace and science and patience, and struck terror into his nervous opponents at the wicket, and the name of R. M. MacKenzie, engraved on a piece of Straits' bamboo, ought to be worn as a felicitous round the neck of the twenty-two defeated."

He then passes on to the Hong Kong v. Shanghai match and in lighter vein holds forth thus:—

"The above match has certainly been the most interesting one so far, in fact, as far as I am concerned, the most exciting one I have seen during sixteen years' residence in China."

Hope began to run high among the supporters of Shanghai especially when after their second innings the next day they further improved upon their total. Farbridge headed the list with well-earned 35, while Mason netted 25 for an equally well-played innings, and S. Wallace carried out his bat for 37, closing the innings for 189 runs. At this stage I put an extra five dollars on Shanghai.

Shortly after Hongkong had begun their second innings, I felt tempted to back Shanghai again for a tinner, for two wickets were already down for a total of 12 runs, Campbell having been clean bowled by Mann, and Maitland by O. V. 150. But when Wood and Anton joined by a ringer's matter, took a different aspect, and in about an hour's time the former had 42 (and B. Siewin) and the latter 48 (and Wallace, B. Tyack). However, the score was only 114, and as Ward, who was the next man in, was at once "out" again for 118-5-0, I had a "other plunge."

Things looked all sorts, mostly promising for Shanghai. Scramble-Smith was now caught by Bell for 8, whilst Howard had to retire after having compiled 31, which brought the score to 157-6. Then Cox went in and snicked a few. As his partner, Vallage, only made 8, and as Haillings, who was the next man in, was caught by A. E. Lanning after he had only made 1, I thought I could begin to give odds at the score now read 176-9-1. There were still 25 runs to be made, and the least mishap overlooking either of the batsmen before they had made this number would prove fatal to Hongkong. So I gave 25 to 15 on Shanghai (warming up in the excitement!)

There was a breathless suspense, for Cox now made or lost the boundary and another into an innings. As his partner, Vallage, only made 8, and as Haillings, who was the next man in, was caught by A. E. Lanning after he had only made 1, I thought I could begin to give odds at the score now read 176-9-1. There were still 25 runs to be made, and the least mishap overlooking either of the batsmen before they had made this number would prove fatal to Hongkong. So I gave 25 to 15 on Shanghai (warming up in the excitement!)

I began to feel a little uncomfortable. Arthur made a brace. I drank a whisky and soda. Then Cox lifted the ball on to the pavilion for 4.

I was in a cold sweat, and nobody said a word. A moment more—the ball met Cox's bat again, and the same instant it was over among the ladies in the mid-shed and the game was won! Pandemonium broke loose! The Governor shook hands with the leader-writer of the *Hongkong Telegraph*; Captain Rumney embraced Capt. Hall, a client, he would take no fee for his next murder case. Mr. Whitehead's hat stood on end, while Mr. Stewart-Lockhart at once gave permission to forty Chinese to surround the pavilion and the Capt. Superintendent of Police granted the Chinese leave to gamble for twenty-four hours, while I went home in disgust.

Will you, Mr. Editor, kindly pass the bat round, for I am stone broke.

## THE LATE MR. J. D. HUMPHREYS.

The name of those who will cordially endorse the sentiments of "Daybreak," in *Sport and Gospel*, in regard to the late Mr. J. D. Humphreys is simply legion and as they are sure to interest the vast majority of our readers we need tender no apology for producing them in *extenso* as follows:—

The first at half-past at the Grand Stand on Wednesday (27th) morning last was the first intimation I received of the death of Mr. J. D. Humphreys, of Hongkong, in which sea-girt child his name will forever hold an honorable place. In business a life of intense energy, shrewdness, and integrity, brought to a successful issue the many companies with which he was connected. As a friend, many and many a one knows now what they have lost. Yet no one ever will know of the generous deeds done so quietly in the way of helping those less fortunate—the hand ever ready to assist a friend over a dangerous part in life's road, and the advice so valuable that was so generously given. Straightforwardness and the having of anything mean or contemptible were only some of the good qualities of this noble character, and he was loath to extend his generosity to those whom he did not consider deserved it, nor did he, as some do, wish his good deeds published to the world.

A little incident that happened once when I was passing through Hongkong is worthy of mention. The scene was the Hongkong Bank and Mr. Humphreys was waiting till those in front of him had been attended to. A well-known broker, who is now a member of this community, had lost or had his stolen from him 200 shares, and the Bank required as well as his guarantee that of an approved vouch for the same. Mr. Humphreys, hearing that there was some trouble asked what it was, and when he learned what was required said: "I will stand as guarantee for Mr. — for the 25 shares and 500 more if necessary."

As a sportsman, and it was in that capacity many of us go that I met Mr. Humphreys, he never forgot a little kindness that I was able to show him when visiting his country, and never have I met him here or in Hongkong that did not kindly mention was made of a very trivial act. In racing here during some Meetings he had a long string of points in training, and the following were the numbers he carried in the Shanghai Stakes—Spring 1891, 14; Autumn 1891, 23; Spring 1892, 17; Autumn 1892, 18; Spring 1893, 6; Autumn 1893, 18; Spring 1894, 18; Autumn 1894, 18; Spring 1895, 18; Autumn 1895, 18; Spring 1896, 18; Autumn 1896, 18; Spring 1897, 18; Autumn 1897, 18; Spring 1898, 18; Autumn 1898, 18; Spring 1899, 18; Autumn 1899, 18; Spring 1900, 18; Autumn 1900, 18; Spring 1901, 18; Autumn 1901, 18; Spring 1902, 18; Autumn 1902, 18; Spring 1903, 18; Autumn 1903, 18; Spring 1904, 18; Autumn 1904, 18; Spring 1905, 18; Autumn 1905, 18; Spring 1906, 18; Autumn 1906, 18; Spring 1907, 18; Autumn 1907, 18; Spring 1908, 18; Autumn 1908, 18; Spring 1909, 18; Autumn 1909, 18; Spring 1910, 18; Autumn 1910, 18; Spring 1911, 18; Autumn 1911, 18; Spring 1912, 18; Autumn 1912, 18; Spring 1913, 18; Autumn 1913, 18; Spring 1914, 18; Autumn 1914, 18; Spring 1915, 18; Autumn 1915, 18; Spring 1916, 18; 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